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**The discovery of a VVolf in Sheeps Cloath-**  
**ing; Or, A true Relation of one Christopher Atkinson, A**  
**Quaker, who hath seduced divers simple people in Nor-**  
**wich; And to prevent further mischief, this following**  
**Narration was thought good to be Printed.**

**T**HIS Atk<sup>ns</sup>. is he that seduced *Iohn Gilpen* of *Kendall*, he was taken in the Street going up and down, crying out against the Ministers and people, telling them that they were in the flesh, and in darkness, of the World, and that the Ministers were dum dogs and prophesied lies, and much more to that purpose; and being caried before the Maior and examined the eleventh December, 54.

He said, That his habitation according to the flesh is in *Kendall* in *Westmerland*, and that he came from thence to *London*, and from thence to *Norwich*, at the command of the Lord, to declare the Message delivered to him to call men to repentance, and that is all the business he came about.

And being demanded to shew that respect to the Court as was requisite, he refused it, and said, He durst not do it for conscience sake, and being asked what he held concerning the Scriptures, he answered That the Scriptures were not the Word of God, but a Declaration of the mind of God, and that the Elements of Bread and Wine, which they call Sacraments, are Carnall. Soon after he was apprehended for disturbing a Minister in the time of his Sermon, and being in custody, many of his seduced friends came daily to visit him, amongst the rest this *Ursula* servant to *Thomas Symonds* one of his company whom he hath got with Child, as is testified by these Notes which were delivered into the Court of Mairalty.

*Given in Norwich Gaole the third day of the fifth Moneth, 1655.*

WHEREAS from the truth I am departed through the deceitfullness of sin, and the temptations of the Devill, by which the truth is like to suffer, therefore my condemnation I may justly own, and clear the truth of God, and them who in the truth dwell, who are clear and free from that which is the cause of my condemnation. The sin which I am guilty of, is that of having the carnall knowledge of a Woman, for which now the judgments of the Lord I find, which is a portion just for such: For if the light of God which is pure had been owned, my freedom had been from this, but now the vengeance of the Lord lyeth heavy upon me, which is my just reward, and the portion of all that fall from the light By mee.

*Christopher Atkinson.*

*Witnesse of the above said Declaration from his own mouth,*  
*Iohn Stubbs, William Cotton, Thomas Symonds.*

This above writing being declared to mee, I am moved of the Lord to make it known to you that are the Rulers of this City, that the truth of God may be cleared, and he to beare his own Iniquity which hath done this wicked deed, the which is hated of them that dwell in the light:

*This from me Tho. Symonds.*

*The Information of Thomas Symonds Weaver, taken before John Salter Esquire, Maior of the City of Norwich, the fourth day of July 1655.*

HEE saith, That *Christopher Atkinson* did confesse in this Informants hearing that he had the carnall knowledge of one *Ursula* the servant of this informant, and this said *Ursula* did confesse that the said *Atkinson* hath had the use of her body severall times, and saith, That the wench is now gone, but whither he knows not.

*Thomas Symonds.*

He is now gotten out of the Prison, under pretence to go to the Post-house for a Letter, and being runn away, there is the description given of him the better to discover him in place where he shall come, to prevent him in his further delusions.

*These are to will and require you, and in the name of his Highness Oliver Lord Protector of the Common-wealib of England, &c. straightly to charge and command you and every of you, forthwith upon sight hereof, to make diligens search in all suspected places, within your Townes and Parishes for the apprehending and taking of one Christopher Atkinson (who is called a Quaker) He is a little low man, somewhat round shouldered, with little or no haire on his face, the haire on his head somewhat long, and of a light brownish colour, his Clothes of a Tawne Searge of a Greenish Gray colour, with a short Coat, a gray Hat with a broad verge, a small Band on his Hat, and Russet Shoes, about the age of thirty years, who escaped out of the City Gaole in Norwich upon VVednesday the fourth of July 1655. And hath carried away certain Goods which are none of his own. These are therefore in case you shall apprehend or take the partie above-mentioned, That then you convey him or carry him before some Justice of the Peace for the same County, there to be examined and dealt withall according to Law, or else to convey him back to the City Gaole in Norwich abovesaid. And hereof faile ye not, as you will answer the contrary at your perill. Given under my hand and Seal the fourth day of July, 1655.*

*John Salter Esquire.*





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